

REMARKS


The office action and the references cited therein have been carefully considered together with the present application and amendments have been made to the claims in an effort to place the application in condition for immediate allowance.

In this regard, it is noted that claims 5 and 12 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Also claim 17 was indicated that it would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 and if placed in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of objected to claim 5 and the subject matter of claim 1 has been added to claim 12 to place it in independent form. Claim 14 has been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection and to incorporate the subject matter of claim 17.

It is now believed that the three independent claims 1, 12 and 14 are in condition for immediate allowance. Since the pending dependent claims necessarily incorporate the subject matter of the independent claims from which they depend, it is also believed that all of the dependent claims are in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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